

Youngsters' Title Tourney Starts Today—McGraw May Resign—McBride Leading in Field

YOUNGSTERS READY FOR TOURNAMENTS

Junior and Boys' Events Listed Beginning Today.

LIST IS UNUSUALLY LIGHT

Lads Go to Work or Away and Have Little Time for Play Here.

The junior and boys' tennis tournaments, in progress today on the Princeton Tennis Club courts, marks the opening of the "tennis center" tournaments in the country, as designated by the National Lawn Tennis Association.

Tournaments held this year differ slightly from those held in previous years. During the winter Washington was designated as a "tennis center" by the N. L. T. A., and sanction was given for a tournament for boys who shall not have reached the age of sixteen before October 1, 1917.

Few Entrants Listed.

Despite the wide publicity given the affair during the spring, there are few entrants for the event today. The winner of the event will not only be the boys' champion of the District of Columbia, but will be eligible for competition in the boys' national championship event to be held at Forest Hills, L. I. later in the summer.

Louis I. Doyle, in charge of the tournament today, is at loss to understand why the entries are not forthcoming. In the junior singles there are but eighteen entries, as against forty last year. In the boys' event there are but four playing.

Double Haves Were.

There are more doubles teams entered in the junior and boys' events. The tournament was divided into the two sections this season in order to take in the youngsters who would be eligible for competition in the boys' national title event.

It was decided to hold the event earlier in the season but protests from the Forest Hills school caused the date to be set for today. Friends promised eighteen entries it is understood. Few of the scholastic stars have sent in their names.

Have Gone To Work.

Practically all of the players among the younger element have either gone to work or gone away for the summer. It is pointed out that many who were intent on entering have given up the sport for the reason they have been unable to find time to play.

The tournament is the only event to be held this year. In the men's events there is no championship. It is understood in golf as well as tennis it is said to be the intention of all clubs to donate no prizes and to award no championships.

The Entries for the events up to this morning follow:

Junior singles, first round—Robbins vs. Kellher, Benton vs. Lerch.
Second round—Price vs. Langford, W. J. Ballinger, vs. Anderson; Delacy vs. Stewart; W. M. Ballinger vs. winner of Robbins-Kellher match; Yeatman vs. winner of Price-Langford match; Gleesking vs. Dudley; Conklin vs. Chipman; Beale vs. Wright.
Boys' singles, first round—Deveraux vs. Knapp; Nordlinger vs. Dunlap; Dodge vs. White; Bur vs. Dunlop.
Today's early results follow:

JUNIOR SINGLES.
First round—Kellher defeated Robbins, 7-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Second round—Price defeated Langford, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.
Third round—Price defeated Anderson, by default; Dudley defeated Gleesking, 6-2, 6-2; Chipman defeated Conklin, by default.
Fourth round—Price defeated Ballinger, 6-4, 7-3.
BOYS' SINGLES.
First round—Nordlinger defeated Dunlap, 6-4, 6-3. Dodge defeated White, 6-3, 6-4.

LEAGUE STANDINGS.

AMERICAN.				
Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Today.
Chicago	22	11	.682	471
Boston	22	11	.682	471
New York	22	11	.682	471
Detroit	22	11	.682	471
Cleveland	22	11	.682	471
St. Louis	22	11	.682	471
Washington	22	11	.682	471
Philadelphia	22	11	.682	471

Where They Play.

TODAY	TOMORROW
Wash. at Boston.	Wash. at Boston.
Phila. at N. Y.	Phila. at N. Y.
Detroit at Chicago.	Detroit at Chicago.
St. Louis at Cleveland.	St. Louis at Cleveland.

NATIONAL.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Today.
New York	22	11	.682	471
Philadelphia	22	11	.682	471
Chicago	22	11	.682	471
St. Louis	22	11	.682	471
Cincinnati	22	11	.682	471
Brooklyn	22	11	.682	471
Boston	22	11	.682	471
Pittsburgh	22	11	.682	471

Where They Play.

TODAY	TOMORROW
Boston at Brook.	Boston at Brook.
New York at Phila.	New York at Phila.
Ch. at St. L.	Ch. at St. L.
St. Louis at Chicago.	St. Louis at Chicago.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

American League.

At Detroit—	000 000 000—3 7 1
Detroit—	003 101 000—4 2 2
Batteries—Phelan and Seaver; Covalski and Stange.	
At Chicago—	000 000 000—0 3 0
Chicago—	000 000 100—1 3 3
Batteries—Hilling and O'Neil; Billings; Davidson and Schell.	

National League.

At St. Louis—	001 000 000—3 5 0
Cincinnati—	000 000 000—0 3 0
St. Louis—	000 000 000—4 7 1
Batteries—Fenney and Wingo; Watson, Packard, Horne and Snyder; Livingston.	
At Chicago—	000 000 000—1 7 1
Chicago—	000 000 000—2 7 1
Batteries—Mamaux and Wagner; Vaughn and Wilson.	

Will Demand an Investigation

National League Must Square Itself or Run Risk of Losing Friends Who Can Make or Break Pastime.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

With the return to New York of the Giants this week, it is expected that a demand will be made upon President John K. Tener, of the National League, to reopen the investigation into the case of John J. McGraw, suspended manager of the New York club.

The Baseball Writers' Association insists upon complete publicity of the whole affair beginning with the now famous "scandalous interviews" and going down to how McGraw happened to make his first repudiation.

The success of the national game hangs upon what the National League does in this matter. The New York club, the biggest money-maker in the game, carries the whole league on its shoulders. If President Tener and his magnates intend to do nothing toward squaring the baseball writers of the metropolis with their millions of followers, the final results may be most disastrous.

No matter what is done, McGraw is doomed as a power in the national game. If the league refuses to clean up the whole affair, the security of organized baseball is threatened.

When it was put up to McGraw to quit his own word, he quit. He looked this way and that and then signed a statement accusing the newspapers of lying.

After a couple of days, McGraw tried to square himself with the four baseball writers he had insinuated wrote "scandalous interviews" with him. He then repudiated his first repudiation. So, the case now stands just where it did in the first place, with McGraw openly charging President Tener with being a "dummy" and seeking to "aid the Philadelphia club at the expense of the New York club."

Baseball Needs Friends.

Baseball, in these days of foreign warfare, needs all the friends it can get. It should not alienate those who have done a great share in making it what it is.

The magnates are of a firm belief that the newspapers just must have baseball or close up their offices. You can't get one of them to change this "dog night."

BABE RUTH'S PUNCH MAY DECIDE BANNER

Big Southpaw Most Valuable Player With Red Sox.

Babe Ruth stands the chance of having punched the Red Sox completely out of the hunt for the hunting in Ban Johnson's circuit. Harking back to the days of Tom Lynch as boss of the National League, it develops that Lynch once laid off Sherwood Magee for an entire season for taking a crack at an umpire. If that is the size of the dose handed out to Babe the popular slogan in Boston will be: "Good night."

Ruth has led the American League slingers for two straight seasons and probably was on his way to a third time as the top of the slinging world when he was laid off. Owens came off Saturday.

Out of 16 games pitched, Ruth has won 12. Eight of these he captured in a row.

Aside from his pitching prowess, Ruth is something of a helper along other lines. His hitting amounts to an average of .408, including all games in which he has appeared. When not pitching he manages to get a little out of life doing Jack Barry's pinch slugging.

On the whole, always hold up the leading clubs. History records it. Ruth undoubtedly is the history man for the Red Sox. What happens to Ruth and the Red Sox is up to Ban Johnson.

DIAMOND CHATTER.

Griffs play two games again today.

Griffs are seven and one-half games behind the Tigers.

Wildness in the eighth inning brought defeat to Joe Boehling yesterday.

The Tigers are now three and one-half games behind the Yanks for third place honors.

The Griffins have won one out of eleven games from the Boston Red Sox in this campaign.

Gene Pavlette has been hitting in lively style ever since joining the Cards and many wonder why he wasn't up before.

Though defeated, Al Mamaux pitched excellent ball for the Pirates yesterday against the Cubs, losing by a 2-to-1 score.

Honus Wagner continues to play championship ball for the Pirates in the field and on the paths, while he gets one or two hits every day.

Pat Moran's Phillies are half a game behind the Giants and a victory today may put them in front in the bruising combat in the National League.

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GRIFFMEN DECLINE TO REMAIN IN HUB

So They Take Gasolene Excursion to Nutmeg State.

FOSTER OUT FOR TEN DAYS

Four Pitchers Available for Today's Double-Header.

BOSTON, June 25.—There are a rock of conscientious objectors among the Griffins. If there is anything they are "agin," it is spending a Sunday here, as Griff arranged it so that they would not have to endure the day off in the classy Back Bay. Late last night they blew in from North Groveland, which is "somewhere in Connecticut."

With a rook name Russell twirling, they beat a team up that way composed of New England leaguers and semipro. Griff said that he had forgotten the score, and that somebody had pinched the official card, but did not anticipate that the vanquished batters would petition for a recount.

Everything is "as so" in the camp of the Griffins. Eddie Foster has a dislocated finger, it now appears, and this means that he will be unavailable for at least ten days. Griff took this latest mishap philosophically. It is one of those well-known "breaks," and the only thing you can do is make the best of it.

Head To Understand.

It is hard to understand why the Griffins do not win more games. The team is practically the same one that proved so troublesome to the Red Sox last season, yet they have only triumphed once in eleven starts this far this year.

Griff has four men available for slab duty today—Jim Shaw, the only Washington pitcher who has beaten the Sox this year; George Dumont, Harter, and Harper, and Earl Gallia. It is probable that Dumont and Gallia will draw the assignments, May being the Red Sox entry in the other is uncertain. It will have to be one of Barry's second string set.

May Hit Ball Today.

The Griffins may be able to hit the pill today. Saturday surely they must have checked their batting today outside of the park. Perhaps today, Monday always being a tough day for the Sox, after the Sunday gasoline wagon excursions the Griffins may get going.

The fans are interested in Dumont. Manager Jack Barry thinks pretty well of him and the Sox have always had to go some to beat him.

The crepe hangers will be at Fenway Park today. That suspension that Babe Ruth is due to draw, many think will be the biggest thing that will push the Sox out of the running.

Shanks and Janvris.

Local fans put Howard Shanks in the same class with Harold Janvris. Howard is surely a versatile kid.

At shifting that old line-up around Griff is a wizard. Twice Saturday he crossed up the boys that get out the "probable line-ups" for the afternoon papers. After Griff got through shifting 'em around the line-up did not appear even nearly "probable."

Nick Altrock is now the official announcer at Fenway Park. When Stonevall was just a rooster Nick and he used to indulge in some great verbal battles, Nick being the only one to get a decision over him. As an announcer Stonevall is pretty much of a false alarm and Nick will have a chance to give him a ride or two before the Griffins leave town.

REX WINS AGAIN

Washington Team Defeats Alexandria County A. A.

Though outlit, the Rex A. C. managed to defeat the strong Alexandria County A. A. team at Columbia Park yesterday, 5 to 2. The Virginians were the heroes of the Rex team. The former had two doubles in his list. Score by innings:

A. C. A. A.	010 100 000—2 11 3
Rex A. C.	002 000 210—5 8 2
Batteries—A. C. A. A. Phell and Degan; Rex A. C. A. Blachoff and Hurd.	

GOOCH IS LEADING

Mackman Gains Fifty Points in Batting Last Week.

Lee Gooch, the big mountaineer playing right field for Connie Mack's Athletics, gained fifty points in batting last week and is now leading all players in the league.

In seven games Gooch has been to bat twenty-three times, scored three runs, and made ten hits. He has yet to have any stolen bases accredited to him.

CONLEY IN SPOTLIGHT.

DALLAS, Tex., June 25.—"Snipe" Conley, former Baltimore Fed twirler, horribled at the spotlight again yesterday with a no-hit game against Fort Worth. Conley whiffed nine of the foe and chalked up his seven-thirty victory of the year. Only one Fort Worth player reached first base, Dallas winning, 4 to 0.

BENNING SHOP WINS.

Shoemaker, twirling for Benning Shop, shut out Kenilworth yesterday, 4 to 0, letting down his opponents with two hits. In addition, he got two blows himself.

M'BRIDE LEADING IN HIS POSITION

Washington Veteran Takes Backwash From No One.

MENOSKY NOW ERRORLESS

Chick Gandil Leads First Basemen In Fielding Stuff.

It's the same old story for George McBride. He is leading all shortstops in the American League when it comes to fielding. In thirty-two games McBride's record is 563.

Because Witt, the Mackmen's midge shortstop, has played in fifty games, he may be given the edge over McBride by many, even if he has a mark of 534. However, the difference in their work seems to give McBride the honors.

Mike Menosky has played errorless ball in twenty-one games in the garden, leading his mates in that department.

Chick Gandil is out in front as a fielding first-sacker with a percentage of .999. Judge is three places behind Gandil.

Jack Barry's .976 gives him an even chance with Grover, of the Mackmen, who has the same figures at second base. Morgan is eighth on the list. Foster ranks tenth among second basemen.

Ray Schalk, of the White Sox, leads all backstops in the field. In fifty-two games he has a record of .987. John Henry's percentage is the same, but the big Griffins has appeared in only twenty-six contests.

Johnson and Shaw have yet to make errors in the box, and so have spotless records. Following are the fielding records of the Griffins to date:

	G.	O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Gharrity, 1b.	10	46	3	0	1.000
Judge, 1b.	81	422	24	4	.991
Morgan, 2b.	38	88	80	7	.986
Foster, 2b.	38	85	121	15	.987
Leonard, 3b.	23	24	62	6	.987
McBride, ss.	32	54	58	7	.983
Crane, ss.	28	50	70	12	.969
Kayman, 3b.	21	19	1	0	1.000
Rice, of.	54	55	5	3	.989
Milan, of.	55	57	5	5	.986
Shanks, of.	52	58	14	4	.943
Jamelson, of.	10	7	0	2	.890
Almstith, c.	39	184	46	6	.974
Johnson, p.	20	7	36	0	1.000
Shaw, p.	15	2	17	0	1.000
Du Mont, p.	13	6	28	0	.944
Gallia, p.	10	0	28	2	.933
Ayers, p.	12	1	12	1	.929

BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

More Sunday baseball for the metropolis. Now the Brooklyn club is to stage a sacred and patriotic concert followed by a regular game, the proceeds above expenses to be turned over to certain war relief organizations. This game comes next Sunday and will undoubtedly be well attended. If this practice is pursued for any length of time, opponents of Sunday baseball in New York will have to admit that the arguments are based upon blindness, for there is nothing in baseball subversive in morals, whether played on Saturday, Sunday, or Monday. The morals of the West are quite as good as those of the East, despite the fact that Sunday baseball is common in the West.

WASHINGTON GRABS WIN AT BALTIMORE

Town and Country Golfers Obtain One Leg on Cup.

Victory came to the Town and Country Golfers in their matches with the Suburban Club at Baltimore yesterday, the Washington players coming out on top, 7 to 6, in the Nassau style of play. The five points handicap allowed the W.Kashingtonians proved valuable. The victory gave the Capital golfers one leg on the challenge cup.

Phil King, the old Princeton quarterback, played with the Town and Country Club, losing his match with Stiefel, 2 to 1.

Following are the results: Golfers shrdia etatin cmfrpy vbgrd. (The following are the results of the matches.)

W. King, Town and Country, defeated W. King, Suburban, 1 up and 1 to play. (1 point.)
S. Kaufman, Town and Country, defeated S. Kaufman, Suburban, 1 up and 1 to play. (1 point.)
T. Stange, Suburban, defeated T. Stange, Town and Country, 1 up and 1 to play. (1 point.)
M. King, Town and Country, defeated M. King, Suburban, 1 up and 1 to play. (1 point.)
A. Kaufman, Suburban, and Frank, Town and Country, halved their match.

BRAVES TRIM YANKS.

In their exhibition game at Jersey City yesterday, the Boston Braves had no difficulty in whitewashing Bill Donovan's Yankees 3 to 0. Tom Hughes was in great form for the Braves, holding the American Leaguers to six hits. "Red" Smith, the Braves' third baseman, poled three hits in three times up.

CARDS WIN, 16 TO 2

Alexandrians Slam Brentwood Twirler Merrily.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 25.—Slamming the Brentwood twirler right merrily, the Cardinals hung up a 16-to-2 victory here yesterday. Everybody took a wallop at the visitor, Mr. Bridge polling a home run.

"Lefty" Stevens, of D Company, Fifth Maryland Infantry, was on the mound for the Cardinals and he let down the Brentwood outfit with five hits, fanning seven of them.

The Telephone in Washington

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